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Official meetings

Security Council

11:30 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

The President of the Security Council for the month of February 2018 (Kuwait) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the work for the month, *today*, 1 February 2018, at 12:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month, *today, 1 February 2018*, at 15:00, in the Press Briefing Room (S-0237).

Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast.] [webcast]

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Pursuant to the same resolution, all content related to official meetings, including summaries, is available in the six official languages, in compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, while *other meetings and information will continue to be published in English and French only*.

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org, 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed Conference Room 10

Board of Auditors for Peacekeeping Operations

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

10:00 to 11:30 Informal briefing Conference Room 5

Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of Evaluation and Internal Audit (unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org).

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 1900th meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations and missions

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

15:00 to 18:00 — Expert-level meeting — Conference Room 2

The Permanent Mission of Belgium will convene an expert-level discussion on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the UN system, in preparation for the operational activities for development segment of the Council.

The expert-level discussion will focus on the Secretary-General's proposals for a new generation of United Nations country teams and a reinvigorated resident coordinator system.

All Member States are invited to attend.

For further information *click here* or *here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 — 7th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)] (E/C.2/2018/1)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00 — 8th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)] (E/C.2/2018/1)

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexander Lomaia, lomaia@un.org; Mr. Victor Leu, leu@un.org and Ms. Lidija Komatina, komatina@un.org).

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

10:00 — 8th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

World Programme of Action for Youth

Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Family issues, policies and programmes

Introductory statements

General discussion on item 3 (a) and (b) *(continued)*

A/73/61–E/2018/4, E/CN.5/2018/2, E/CN.5/2018/3 and E/CN.5/2018/4

PaperSmart

Side Events

Website

NGOs written statements

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B

On the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"

15:00 9th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Programme questions and other matters [item 4]

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PaperSmart

Side Events

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NGOs written statements

16:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B

On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"

Convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bruno Rios (Mexico)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Monday, 5 February 2018

11:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the G20 summit.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process to adopt a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00 (webcast) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal briefing by the co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to present the zero draft of the Global Compact.

Member States, observers, United Nations entities and stakeholders accredited to the preparatory process are invited to attend.

Friday, 9 February 2018

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the proposed elements of the modalities draft resolution of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Monday, 5 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 388th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda (A/AC.183/2018/L.2)

Election of officers

Draft programme of work for 2018

Updates by Members and Observers of the Committee on their activities in relation to the Question of Palestine

Other matters

The meeting will be held at the ambassadorial level

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM Help-desk (help-desk@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least 2 hour(s) in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than one hour before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Contacts: Sangeeta Sharma, Committee Secretary (sharma7@un.org); Henry Breed, Deputy Committee Secretary (breed@un.org); Lidija Komatina (for inquiries regarding the e-list of participants komatina@un.org, Tomas Casas (for inquiries regarding the e-list of speakers (casast@un.org), Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Plenary meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Plenary meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to

Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Disarmament Commission

Wednesday, 21 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

Organizational session (A/CN.10/L.79 and A/CN.10/L.80)

Contacts: Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Commission (lomaia@un.org); Christa Giles, Deputy Secretary of the Commission (giles@un.org); Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org); Martin Vrastiak (vrastiak@un.org).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00 9th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Meeting with the Sudan and regional States

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 16:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Programme of work of the Panel of Experts

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-sixth session

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
	On the draft resolution entitled "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"	
	Convened by the Chair	
15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
	On the draft resolution entitled "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"	
	Convened by the Chair	

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	2nd plenary meeting	Conference Room 3

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Member states, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials, by fax or e-mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board, as early as possible, but no later than 2 February 2018.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is 3 minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and 5 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group. UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion.

To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.

To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge).

UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or with advance notice they can let us know what services they wish us to procure on their behalf.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

The upcoming session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The UNICEF Executive Board homepage will also provide a link to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank).

Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank). Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers). Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item.

Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis. Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Contacts: Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org, 212-326-7112), Hikari Arai (harai@unicef.org, 212-326-7091 or 212-326-7096).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

UNDP briefing on the working plan of engagement with the Executive Board on the implementation of the UNDP Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

All interested delegations are invited.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

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[archived video]

5th meeting

(c) Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development

High-level panel discussion: "Towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development"

The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Jeremy Millard, Chief Policy Advisor, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark, Research Fellow at Bradford University, United Kingdom; and Special Advisor to DG CONNECT, European Commission on public sector innovation, e-government and public services.

The panellists were the following: Dr. Sen Gong, Research Fellow of the Development Research Centre of the State Council, and Executive Vice-President of the China Centre for International Knowledge on Development; Ms. Noor Al Malki Al Jehani, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute; Mr. Walter Valdivia, Senior Fellow to CSPO, a science policy think tank at Arizona State University, and Adjunct Faculty at Johns Hopkins and a Senior Policy Editor for the Mercatus Center, George Mason University; Ms. Maria Garrido, Research Assistant Professor and Principal Research Scientist at the Technology and Social Change Group, University of Washington; and Ms. Donna Scheeder, President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions from 2015-2017.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Haiti and Ghana, as well as by the observers for Argentina, Germany, Costa Rica, Hungary, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Cuba and Kenya.

The observer of the European Union also made comments and posed a question.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the dialogue: Baha'i International Community; International Federation on Ageing; Soroptomist International; and Sail of Hope.

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8172nd meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/4).

8173rd meeting

Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Statements were made by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Kazakhstan, Ethiopia, the United States, Peru, Sweden, France, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, China, Poland, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the United Kingdom and Kuwait.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Twelfth session

Organizational Committee

[archived video]

1st meeting

The outgoing Chair, Republic of Korea, declared open the first meeting of the twelfth session of the Organizational Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [item 1]

The Committee had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/12/OC/1.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session [item 2]

The Committee had before it the draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session, as contained in document PBC/11/OC/L.1*.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee adopted the draft report as contained in document PBC/11/OC/L.1*.

Election of officers [item 3]

The Committee elected Romania as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for the period until 31 December 2018, by acclamation.

The Committee elected the Republic of Korea and Germany, as Vice-Chairs of the Peacebuilding Commission for the period until 31 December 2018, by acclamation.

Brazil, Canada, Morocco, Sweden and Switzerland were re-elected, for the period until 31 December 2018, to lead the Commission's country-specific engagement in Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Central African Republic, Liberia and Burundi respectively.

The outgoing Chair made a statement.

The Chair-elect made a statement.

Work plan of the Peacebuilding Commission [item 4]

The Commission provisionally approved the work plan for Commission.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Brazil, Morocco, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, El Salvador, Colombia, Kenya, Burundi, Belgium, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Indonesia, European Union, France, South Africa, Central African Republic, Mexico, Sierra Leone, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the Republic of Korea.

Other matters [item 5]

No other matters were raised.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

[archived video]

5th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, the United States, Israel, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, South Africa, Uruguay, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Burundi and Greece.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 24 non-governmental organizations

6th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee resumed consideration of this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Nicaragua, China, Cuba, Uruguay, Mauritania, Greece, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United States, Israel and Burundi.

The representatives of Cuba, the United States, the Russian Federation, Greece, India, China, the Sudan and Mauritania posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: SPHER International Ltd.; National Committee on BRICS Research; The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, Inc.; Research Society of International Law; Global Peace Foundation; Malteser International e.V.; and Gulf Centre for Human Rights Ltd.

The Secretary of the Committee provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-sixth session

[archived video]

6th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups [item 3 (b)]

Panel discussion on "The third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing"

The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Sylvia Beales, an independent inclusive social development consultant and former Head of Strategic Alliances, HelpAge International.

The panellists were the following: His Excellency Héctor Cárdenas, Minister of Social Action of Paraguay; His Excellency José Antônio Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal, and the Chair of the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Review and Appraisal Conference; The Honourable Shirin Sharmin Chaudhary, Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament; His Excellency Lazarous Kapambwe, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations; and Dr. Abla Sibai, Chair of the Epidemiology and Population Health Department at the American University of Beirut and the Co-founding Director of the Centre for Studies on Ageing in Lebanon.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, France, Paraguay, Namibia, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan, as well as by the observers for Argentina, Guatemala, Indonesia, Costa Rica, South Africa, Kenya, Finland, Spain and the Dominican Republic.

The observer of the European Union also made comments and posed a question.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made comments and posed questions to the panellists: International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, HelpAge International and International Network for the Prevention of Elderly Abuse.

7th meeting

The summary of the 7th meeting of the Commission for Social Development, will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2018/23).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/323, material published under the sections below is available in *English and French only*.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 1 February 2018

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (Briefing by MIGA on investment guarantees) (at the ambassadorial level)

13:15 to 14:45 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Development Policy Seminar on "Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy" (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

14:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; 212-963-1487).

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 8

Forthcoming other meetings

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Public briefing on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the Global Economic Context (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla (chowla@un.org; 212-963-8618).

Event entitled "Reconciliation and Peace in Colombia: Confidence-Building Developments and Continuing Challenges" (A/RES/70/181) (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, the Permanent Mission of Colombia, and Caritas Internationalis, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Catholic Peacebuilding Network)

Friday, 2 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer of the Holy See (office@holyseemission.org; 212-370-7885); or *click here* to register.

Briefing on the preparations for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Yu Pin (chan7@un.org).

Presentation on the Candidacy of Baku for World EXPO 2025 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

12:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Mr. Ilkin Hajivey (646-738-6265).

Briefing entitled "Artificial Intelligence: A Practical Introduction @TechNovation Talks" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Information Communication Technology (OICT))

Thursday, 8 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room D

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room D

All are invited. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Mr. Nicholas Mirabile, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails nicholas.mirabile@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; 212-963-4611).

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